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The Snyder Signal

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SNYDER, SUTTER COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1915

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SNYDER IS ON S. N. HIGHWAY

In order to abolish any idea to the contrary, the Snyder Signal is authorized to proclaim the fact that Snyder is permanently recognized as being on the Great Southern National Highway extending from Washington, D. C. to San Diego, California.

The recent trip of Mr. Potter and party, followed by the official magazine car logging the road, was merely the completion of the original plan and these gentlemen will appear before the national congress at the next session with a view of presenting proper blue prints, required data, etc., requesting the proposed appropriation from the government for a permanent up-keep of the highway.

This Southern National Highway is the only route recognized by the government and indications point to the fact that the results will be of great benefit to this section. Come to Texas and on to Snyder.

Weekly Cotton Report.

The four gins in Snyder report sales planned this season up to Thursday:

Farmers Union Gin	2217
Fuller Gin	1755
Brice-Burnett Gin	1571
N. P. Sears Gin	1285

This shows an average for these four gins of 1707 and if this average is maintained with the ten gins in the county, the total will be 17070 bales up to Thursday noon.

The cotton on the local market has been a low total.

W. C. R. Miller of the Texas Cotton Association reported Wednesday night that the records for the ware house and cotton yard has weighed 5624 bales and has shipped out 2472 bales.

Up to the same date last year they had weighed 8037 bales and had shipped out 4458 bales.

This shows more than twice as much being held off the market as was held in 1914.

COTTON REPORT UP TO NOVEMBER 1, 1915, AND 1914

United States:	
1915	7,384,374 bales
1914	9,526,774 bales
Texas:	
1915	2,345,666 bales
1914	2,168,746 bales
Snyder County:	
1915	3,620 bales

J. C. MAXWELL.

Albert Tinker Pardoned.

Albert Tinker who was convicted to the District Court here last Spring on a charge of arson and sentenced in a term of five years in the penitentiary left here last week carrying a writ of habeas corpus signed by a large number of Snyder people to Gov. Ferguson for a complete pardon. Albert went by way of Austin intending in case he failed to get pardon to go on to the pen and begin his term of servitude. He laid his case before the Governor and was made glad when pardon was granted. He arrived home Thursday morning a free man.

He is now expressing his thanks to the Governor and to the people here for setting him set free and says he is going to make good.

Rev. Stewart to Snyder

Rev. R. A. Stewart, who has been pastor of the Methodist church during the past two years was transferred by the recent conference to Snyder. Rev. Stewart is one of the ablest ministers in the northwest Texas conference and his removal is deeply regretted by the membership of the Methodist church here. Rev. M. W. Rogers of Rotan has been assigned to this charge. Rev. Phelan will go to Chickadee another year and Rev. A. L. Rucker was returned to Margaret. Fair County News.

Bankers Observe Thanksgiving.

Thursday, November 11, 1915, being Thanksgiving, and a legal holiday, the undersigned banks of Snyder will be closed all day.

First State Bank & Trust Co.
Snyder National Bank.
First National Bank.

BRITISH SENTINELS NEAR DARDANELLES FORT.

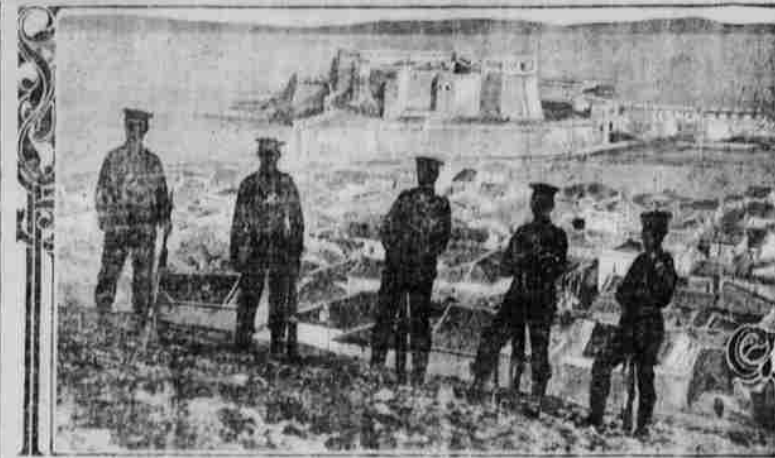


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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas, held Monday evening, November 15th, 1915.

The City Council of the City of Snyder met in regular session Monday evening, November 15th, 1915, with Mayor J. E. Noble, present and presiding.

The following were present: City Clerk, J. E. Noble, J. W. Westbrook, J. W. Green, J. W. Masser, J. W. Davis, J. W. Brantley, J. W. Tucker, J. W. Crowder, J. W. Johnson, J. W. Stewart, J. W. Rogers, J. W. Phelan, J. W. Rucker, J. W. Fair.

Minutes of a regular meeting of November 1st were read and approved.

The following accounts were allowed:

J. W. Westbrook, building foot-bridge	\$13.37
Snyder Signal, Printing	\$12.55
Snyder Ice & Electric Co., Street lights Nov.	\$37.50
City Hall light	\$1.50
Pumping water	\$58.00
J. W. Green, Dragging streets	\$122.40
J. W. Masser, Building coal bin	\$1.00
C. W. Davis, building culverts and bridges	\$31.50
Snyder Transfer Co., hauling material	\$2.50
Bradley Bros, hauling material	\$4.00
Frank Evans, hauling dirt	\$7.00
Lon Pearce, hauling material	\$1.00
P. E. Brantley, bridge work	\$0.80

Upon petition of the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company, said Company was permitted to set telephone poles a distance of 4 feet from their present location on the north side into the street, the outer edge of hole not to exceed within 6 inches of the outer proposed curb.

The City Secretary was instructed to notify the Beacon, Snyder & Pacific and the P. & O. P. Railway companies to make smooth crossings within the city limits of Snyder.

The Council confirmed the contract of the water and sewer committee with W. I. Hargis, as follows: that the said Hargis for and in consideration of a stipulated amount agree to obtain and make all necessary figures and estimates and to superintend the work generally by the City and sewer extension by the City and the citizens of Snyder under the Vaughn street bridge and on the west side as shall be designated in the contract for work to be done also to pass on all offers, bids and completed work for the City.

An application of D. P. Strayhorn, The Western Compress & Storage Company, Dalton Moore and H. Habermann, the sole owners of J. L. Strayhorn's sub-division of Block No. 12, of the City addition to the town of Snyder, Sutter County, Texas, to close the streets and alleys thereof, was acted upon as follows:

It was moved and seconded that the City of Snyder, Texas, relinquish and quit claim all right and title for the use of the public of the streets and alleys in said block. Said motion carried by a majority vote of the Council and the City Secretary was instructed to prepare the proper deed of relinquishment in the present record.

ord owners of said property and assignees of J. L. Strayhorn and to be executed by the Mayor of the City of Snyder, as agent.

After due consideration the offer of Thomas Fletcher to sell the City of Snyder all of Block No. 1 in the Blankenship Addition to said City for the consideration of \$1500.00 was accepted by a unanimous vote of the Council, and upon the following terms: \$500.00 payable in cash upon the delivery of acceptable deed and abstract of title to said block and the further payment of two notes of \$500.00 each drawing eight per cent interest from date and due to one and two years. Said block to be used for the purpose of a market square and for the convenience of the public. An ordinance covering the block of five feet and prohibiting any building within 700 feet of any store building, church, school, residence or other edifice within the city limits of Snyder, Texas, without the specific and written permission of the owner or parties in control thereof, was passed by unanimous vote of the Council, and an ordinance committee was ordered to draft and publish ordinance covering same.

An ordinance covering and prohibiting the peddling distribution and sale of wares by peddlers, street fakirs, auctioneers and similar vendors, also medicine shows, knife racks, carnival shows, tent shows of every description and analogous exhibits free or with a charge therefor, also street peddlers and solicitors as specified within one block of the Public Square, was passed by a unanimous vote of the City Council and effective at once. Ordinance committee was instructed to draft and publish ordinance covering same.

No further business coming before the Council, Council adjourned.

Honored Pastor.

Rev. M. T. Tucker, in planning to go to the Baptist convention, arranged to have his overcoat repaired, when some of his flock found out about his manueverings, clipped in bought him a brand new overcoat and hat, also \$27.00 in money and Bro. Tucker left Monday in a most happy mood. He gave the colored pastor of the new negro church his old overcoat before departing.

Mr. R. L. Crowder one of the many good farmers in the Dunn precinct was here Monday and moved his date up ahead for the Signal and the Dallas News. He says there is a great quantity of well matured seed and crop of maize that will not be gathered because the people have not had time to get to it.

M. V. Johnson, formerly with the Transfer Company here and at Sweetwater, but now in the elevator department of the Santa Fe at Sweetwater, stopped over here Thursday long enough to meet some of his Snyder friends. He had been to Justiceburg to adjust a claim and was en route home.

S. T. Kings informs the Signal that he has bought the Thompson Grocery business in the Maxwell hotel block.

L. X. McNeill of Dermott joins the Signal crowd this week.

RURAL TELEPHONE AND EQUIPMENT

Following up a recent article in the Signal regarding the inefficient service rendered by the rural telephone connections out of Snyder, developments have proven that the fault is accredited entirely with the unkept lines and equipment and not with the local operators. The rural lines are owned and controlled by the users, hence the duty of repairing rests upon those who are listed as patrons. Careful investigation by the Signal reveals the fact that the wires and poles are of inferior material and poorly arranged, some of the wires resting on the ground. In addition to this there are places where the wires have been carelessly connected and loosely hooked together, resulting in much annoyance to the faithful operators, besides making it difficult to give service.

It has been suggested, since Snyder is to install a telephone battery system, effort be made by the rural patrons to repair the lines, hoist poles where necessary, make proper repairs on the wires and much better service will be the result.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS TO RURAL LINE SUBSCRIBERS

* Don't answer any ring except your own, because if you take the receiver off the hook central cannot ring any one neither can any one ring central while the receiver is off.

Don't make loop connections in your line as they will give you trouble, make all connections straight and tight as possible, replace any broken insulators and keep them that way, as one badly insulated place will keep your line in trouble.

Don't let trees grow up in your line as this will cause trouble, keep your ground rods wet and all connections tight. All telephones on the same pole should be of the same type and resistance. If they are not it will give trouble.

Keep your batteries up, a set of batteries if used continuously will last sixty hours, that will allow you to use your telephone twenty minutes per day and the batteries will last six months.

Give the manager of your line authority to send some one out on the line when it is in trouble, and make it the business of some one to keep your lines up in good shape. Don't use wire fences for telephone lines as they were not made for that purpose and will only cause you more trouble and work.

T. E. L. CLASS MEETING.

The T. E. L. class of the Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. B. W. Cunningham, Thursday the 11th, with Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. Chambers as hostesses. After a very interesting business meeting our hostesses served a delicious salad course with cake and coffee and after an hour of needle work and conversation we bade adieu to our friends and went home, feeling that it was good to have been there. —REPORTER.

PROPOSES AID TO DEVELOPMENT

Abel Barrientos, a well known Mexican citizen of Sutter county, is a successful labor contractor. He handles a large force of his countrymen here in large labor contracts and he is a reliable man. He is interested in the development of the county and proposes to work in connection with the Snyder Chamber of Commerce for the betterment of the country. Abel realizes that one of the great needs here is the getting of more farm lands in cultivation to take care of the people who are coming here to get homes. He says one of the hindrances is the fact that the mesquite timber must be grubbed out and so many people are not prepared to meet the expense. Now, he says, just to do what he can for the cause, he proposes to take his men and grub the land and wait for his pay until a crop is made.

He further says that he is thinking of trying to lease a thousand acres to put in cultivation and use his force in farming on a large scale.

It is our guess that if he shall undertake such a scheme he will make a success of it.

YOUNG FARMER SUICIDES.

Albert Cox, a young farmer of the Camp Springs community committed suicide late last Monday evening at the home of Mr. W. L. Butler, his wife's father.

Mr. Butler was in Snyder when news of the tragedy was telephoned here.

It is said the young man went in the night and lay down on the bed and shot himself from a target rifle through his brain.

Miss Glad W. Brown viewed the body and pronounced it a case of suicide.

From what can be gathered it is understood that family trouble had developed and he preferred self destruction.

Team and Cotton Not Stolen.

A report was circulated last week that a wagon loaded with seed cotton with a team of mules attached had been stolen at Henshield. The outfit belonged to Mr. Ryan of Chickadee. The team and wagon had been left standing on the 2nd yard and when missed it was believed they had been stolen. A search was kept up for several days and finally the team was found in a field some distance away.

They had gone down the road probably trying to go home and coming to an open gate had turned into the field where they stopped and remained till found. The mules were almost famished for food and water.

Relieving The Distressed.

The Rebekah women of Snyder have been engaged this week in making hot comforts for the W. & O. Home at Chickadee. These old people and children in the Home will have good thoughts for Snyder when the cold nights come.

Wednesday and called on the Signal.

SNYDER COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE FOR 1915

Will be held at the Central School building in Snyder beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, and closing Thursday, 4 p. m. Dec. 23rd.

Program will appear next week. C. B. Hochstetler, County Supt.

House Caught Fire.

The residence of J. Taylor, near Lee caught on fire about noon Thursday and but for prompt and vigorous work on the part of the people on the place the home would have been destroyed. Considerable damage is reported anyway, especially to the roof.

Dr. Davenport on returning from his ranch on Thursday evening about dusk shot a splendid specimen of an American Bald Eagle, measuring over seven feet from tip to tip. The Dr. is proud of his adventure and is sending the bird to a taxidermist to have it mounted.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY FACTS

To Sunday School Superintendents:

An Annual Temperance Rally Day has been given in the Sunday Schools of the world and is now almost universally observed. It is designated, "World's Temperance Sunday" and the date fixed is the Fourth Sunday of November. We are indebted for the suggestion to the Hon. Charles Waters of the London Sunday School Union, where the movement began.

The Sunday School Department of the Western Christian Temperance Union was asked to co-operate and the department most gladly consented, beginning the work of establishing the World's Temperance Sunday in the United States in the year 1893. Records show that by the action of the Ecclesiastical Bodies of all the leading denominations, the movement was endorsed and it was recommended that the Fourth Sunday in November be observed as World's Temperance Sunday.

The International Sunday School Association also gave its endorsement to the plan and urged the universal observance of the day.

Mrs. W. F. Crafts, World's Superintendent of the Sunday School Department of the W. C. T. U., has been most successful in securing the co-operation of leading Sunday School workers of foreign lands and this Annual Temperance Rally Day is now a great factor in Sunday School Work, not only in the United States, but in the countries throughout the world.

The International Sunday School Lesson Committee has given special significance to World's Temperance Sunday by providing each year a most excellent temperance lesson for that day, and let it be remembered that millions of Sunday School children study that lesson simultaneously.

Lesson writers and publishers of lesson helps and Sunday School papers are doing much to emphasize World's Temperance Sunday by giving a large amount of space to temperance news, illustrations, applications, stories, special articles setting forth facts and giving suggestions for temperance work in the Sunday School. This is especially true of the Sunday School journals, "The World's Witness" and the "Sunday School Times."

Let the good work go on. Let no discouraging note be sounded. Let nothing interfere with the present successful phase of W. C. T. U. work. Rather let everyone co-operate to the end that Bible Temperance instruction shall be regular and systematically given and our World's Sunday School Temperance Rally (the 4th Sunday in November) be more firmly established by the Sunday School Temperance Union given under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The contest method used only to arouse Sunday Schools in their best efforts. The Sunday School superintendents are cordially invited to enter this contest as a stimulus their preparation at once, as they will have plenty of time. Two hours to be divided among all the schools participating. It is hoped and urged that all the schools respond, no matter how small, for it is not the size of the school, but the careful training of the small number who can be crowded in such allotted time.

Then the temperance education for the children is more than can be expressed and all under stand the aim of this department of work is "a temperance education for the children."

Cordially yours for service,
W. C. T. U.

Lubbock Wins in Boundary Case
The boundary case between Lubbock and Hale Counties in which a strip of arid about half a mile wide along the dividing line of those counties was involved, was decided last week at Sweetwater. Lubbock county gets the strip before been decided Hale county. The act is situated in the Hale county will appear.